

# Nebraska Agriculture Facts

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## Nebraska Top National Rankings

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial livestock slaughter, all species, 2004 — 10,665,446,000 lbs. (4,837,764 mt)  
Commercial red meat production, 2004 — 6,800,400,000 lbs. (3,084,609 mt)  
Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight 2004 — 8,819,265,000 lbs. (4,000,350 mt)  
Great Northern beans production, 2004 — 827,000 cwt (37,512 mt)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> All cattle on feed, 1/1/2005 — 2,470,000 head  
Commercial cattle slaughter, 2004 — 6,897,100 head  
Pinto bean production, 2004 — 1,196,000 cwt. (54,249 mt)  
Irrigated land, 2002 - 7,625,170 acres (3,085,809 hectares)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> All cattle and calves, 1/1/2005 — 6,350,000 head  
All dry edible beans production, 2004 — 2,376,000 cwt. (1,014,958 mt)  
Cash receipts from all livestock marketings, 2003 — \$6,867,368,000  
Corn for grain production, 2004 — 1,319,700,000 bushels (46,505,000,679 liters)  
Grain sorghum production, 2004 — 33,615,000 bushels (1,184,561,338 liters)  
Proso millet production, 2004 — 3,375,000 bushels (118,931,861 liters)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Land in farms and ranches, 2004 — 45,900,000 acres (18,575,144 hectares)  
On-farm grain storage capacity, 2004 — 1,020,000,000 bushels (35,943,851,400 liters)  
Off-farm commercial grain storage capacity, 2004 — 698,838,000 bushels (24,626,401,200 liters)  
Cash receipts from all farm marketings, 2003 — 10,621,275,000
- 6<sup>th</sup> Commercial hog slaughter, 2004 — 6,954,400 head  
Commercial hog slaughter, live weight - 2004 — 1,846,035,000 lbs. (837,347 mt)  
Alfalfa hay production, 2004 — 4,438,000 tons (4,017,013 mt)  
Soybean production, 2004 — 220,875,000 bushels (7,783,429,586 liters)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Harvested acres of principal crops, 2004 — 18,261,000 acres (7,389,993 hectares)  
All hogs and pigs on farms, 12/1/2004 — 2,850,000 head  
Table egg layers (flocks of 30,000+), 12/2004 — 11,925,000 layers  
All hay production, 2004 — 6,143,000 tons (5,572,834 mt)  
Winter wheat production, 2004 — 61,050,000 bushels (2,151,345,223 liters)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Cash receipts from all crop marketings, 2003 — \$3,753,907,000

## Nebraska Ag Facts

- ☐ Cash receipts from farm marketings contributed more than \$10 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2003.
- ☐ twenty-one percent of all Nebraskans are employed in farm or farm-related jobs.
- ☐ Every dollar in ag exports generates \$1.61 in economic activities such as transportation, financing, warehousing, and production. Nebraska's \$3.0 billion in ag exports translate in 2003 translated into \$4.9 billion in additional economic activity each year.
- ☐ Nebraska has 48,300 farms and ranches; the average operation consists of 950 acres (384 hectares); average net income per farm averaged was \$35,460 during the 1999-2003 period.
- ☐ In 2004, there were 11 operating ethanol plants that produced almost half a billion gallons (1,892,706,000 liters) of ethanol. Nearly 20% the State's corn crop goes into the production of ethanol.
- ☐ Nebraska's livestock industry accounts for approximately 65% of the state's total agricultural receipts each year. Nearly 55% of Nebraska farms have livestock or poultry operations.
- ☐ One American farmer/rancher produces enough food for 129 people — 95 in the United States and 34 abroad.
- ☐ Of every dollar spent on food in 2002, the farm value was 19 cents; 38 cents went to labor used by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. The remaining 43 cents paid for marketing costs such as packaging, transportation, and advertising.
- ☐ In 2003, Nebraska's commercial banks loaned \$5.3 billion to finance agricultural production and real estate.

## Nebraska's Natural Resources

- ☐ Nebraska's farms and ranches utilize 45.9 million acres (18, 515,144 hectares) — 93% of the state's total land area.
- ☐ Nebraska is fortunate to have aquifers below it. If poured over the surface of the state, the water in those aquifers would have a depth of 37.9 feet (11 meters). During 2002, Nebraska producers irrigated 7.6 million acres ( 3,075,623 hectares) of land. Of the total cropland harvested, 43% was irrigated.
- ☐ Nearly 24,000 miles (38,616 kilometers) of rivers and streams add to Nebraska's bountiful natural resources.
- ☐ There are nearly 22 million acres (8,903,119 hectares) of rangeland and pastureland in Nebraska — half of which are in the Sandhills.